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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **Update:I-10 Pedestrian Fatality**

Date: 4/13/2016

Location: I-10 East Mile Marker-17

Pedestrian: 71-year old Crescencio Garcia, of Anthony NM 88021 (Deceased)

El Paso, Texas: Investigators with the Special Traffic Investigators unit (STI) identify the pedestrian that was killed on I-10 East Mile Marker 17 on April 9, 2016.

History:

Date: 4/9/2016

Time: 7:52 PM

Location: I-10 East Mile Marker-17

1 Vehicle: Blue 2006 Honda CR-V

1 Driver: 51-year old Christian Gerstheimer, of the 200 block of La Morada, El Paso TX 79932

2 Pedestrian: 71-year old male (Deceased)

EL PASO, Texas: Officers from the Special Traffic Investigators Unit (STI) responded to assist Officers from Central Regional Command with a collision involving a pedestrian and a motor vehicle. Preliminary investigation revealed that the pedestrian, was crossing I-10 East MM-17 from the inside shoulder towards the outside shoulder. At the same time a 2006 Honda CR-V which was being operated by 51-year old Christian Gerstheimer, and was traveling East on I-10 East in the #2 lane. Gerstheimer was unable to avoid the pedestrian and struck the pedestrian on the I-10. As a result of the collision the 71-year old male sustained serious injuries and was transported to University Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. The preliminary investigation indicates that the pedestrian on the roadway is a contributing factor in this collision. The name of the deceased is being withheld pending next of kin notification. This is the 23<sup>rd</sup> fatality of 2016 compared to 13 in 2015.

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